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*Plague in Manila.*MANILA, P. I., *April 13, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to hereby report that 12 cases of plague, with 7 deaths, occurred in Manila during the week ended April 7, 1900. During the same period 1 case of smallpox was reported.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine Hospital Service.**Plague in Hongkong and Sydney.*MANILA, P. I., *April 14, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to hereby inform you that plague has commenced to increase in Hongkong after a period of two weeks without a case. The report for the two weeks ended April 7, 1900, shows 10 cases and 10 deaths.

Bills of health from Sydney, New South Wales, dated March 24, 1900, report 32 cases and 10 deaths from plague in that city. The disease has appeared in several parts of the town, and a number of Europeans have been attacked.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

## PORTO RICO.

*Reports from Ponce.*PONCE, P. R., *April 30, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the regular quarantine and abstract bills of health reports for the week ended April 28, 1900. Also a summary of the work done at this station during the month of April, 1900, and monthly report of immigrants inspected at this port during April, 1900.

The mortality is more than double that of the same period of last year. I believe this to be due to a combination of several causes, as the very large number of influenza cases, intestinal diseases caused by insufficient and improper food, but more especially by bad drinking water, during the dry season just passed. A great many sick people come from the surrounding country for treatment and charity; many of these dying, has swelled this list.

Nothing of interest has occurred in shipping circles.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,

*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

[Inclosure.]

*Summary of transactions of service during the month of April, 1900.*

(a) Total number of deaths reported during April, 1900, 345; (a) total number of deaths reported during April, 1899, 170; (a) total number of births reported during April, 1900, 98; (a) total number of births reported during April, 1899, 82.

(a) These figures are for the district of Ponce, comprising the city proper, the playa, and the surrounding country.